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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings replaces FIGs. 1 - 5. These sheets, which include FIGs. 1 - 5, replaces the original sheets including FIGs. 1 - 5. In FIG. 4a, previously omitted reference sign 121 has been added. Otherwise, the replacement sheets are provided as a cleaner version of the drawing.

Attachments: Replacement sheets of drawings

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 9 are pending in the application. Claim 9 has been withdrawn subject to a restriction requirement. The specification has been amended herein to eliminate the extraneous language – “OLE_LINK1”, incorporated by error during the electronic filing. Replacement drawing sheets are attached hereto, which do not add new matter, but are only provided to add the missing reference – “121” and to provide a cleaner version of the drawing. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended herein to address the section 112 lack of antecedent basis rejections and the other informalities.

Further, independent claims 1 and 5 as amended is not anticipated by the Meeks ‘839 reference and is further not rendered obvious based on Meeks in view of the other references cited herein taken individually or in combination. Meeks and the other references taken individually or in combination do not anticipate nor teach or suggest a telescoping arm member adapted to be mounted to an implement of heavy machinery such that the telescoping arm is oriented vertically and where the telescoping arm member having an outer housing and an inner concentric arm that are telescopically slidable relative to each other; and further where a culvert cleaning tool is substantially orthogonally mounted to the inner arm of the telescoping arm member and said culvert cleaning tool having a convex upward facing surface.

With regard to the Examiner’s comments concerning the term “auxiliary hydraulic”, it is well known in the art that heavy equipment such as for example a grader often times will have a hydraulic system for driving for example hydraulic cylinders or other hydraulically driven mechanisms which manipulate the main implement of the equipment such as for example a grader blade implement for a grader. The hydraulic or the hydraulic system that drives the

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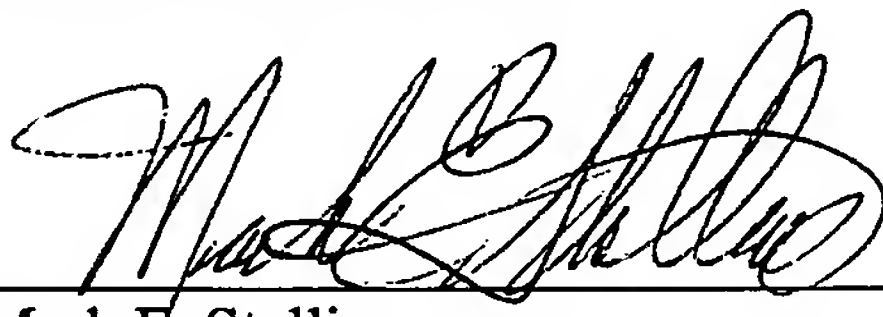
hydraulically driven mechanism for the main implement can typically be referred to as the main hydraulic. Also, some equipment such as a grader provides an auxiliary hydraulic for driving auxiliary equipment that requires a hydraulic system. Thus the term auxiliary hydraulic, is simply a term of art defining a hydraulic or hydraulic system as being supplemental – hence the term “auxiliary”.

Please confirm receipt of the Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement which was electronically filed with the filing of the application on January 22, 2004.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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